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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

My Dear People:

James Grant Sparling is now on what Archbishop Roper used to call "the sunny side of the wall." The shadows of this world, its sorrows and frustrations, darken his experience no more. He has gone forth on that great adventure that we call death, and for the Christian, in St. Paul's words, "to depart" is "to be with the Lord."

His sudden death, one brief month before the opening of the new Cathedral that he had worked so hard for, seems to us a puzzle and even an injustice. Surely, we think, he might have been allowed to rejoice in the Dedication Service. But we must remember that we do not yet see save through a glass, darkly. God has not revealed to us all that we might like to know about death; but he has revealed to us all that we need to know. And his word to us is: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

I must add my personal word of gratitude for the friendship of Dean Sparling. I knew him long before either of us ever dreamed that our work would take us to Edmonton. Among our generation he was considered the ideal parish priest — one who gave himself without reserve, whose prayers and thoughts and efforts were always at the service of his people.

Since he came to Edmonton he has carried a heavy load of responsibility, diocesan and parochial, which he accepted without complaint. His great ambition was to lead his Cathedral family to a successful completion of their efforts to build the Cathedral building which they and the Diocese needed so badly.

To Dean Sparling's family we as a diocese would express our loving sympathy and the assurance of our prayers.

And now, in a somewhat different mood from what we expected, we go forward with the plans for the Dedication of the Cathedral on Ascension



Day, May 10th, at 8:00 p.m. It will be a great event — so Dean Sparling planned it and so, we know, he still wants us to make it. We are grateful to Archbishop Barfoot for consenting to preach at the Dedication. We know how long, while he was here, he looked forward to this day.

Now it will be possible for the Cathedral to serve our diocesan life more effectively. As the church in which the Bishop has his "cathedra," it becomes the centre of our diocesan life — the praying centre and the teaching centre. Here is now a building worthy of our great diocesan services. Here the daily prayer of the Church will be offered up. Here, through preaching and lectures and discussion groups, our people will be led to explore all the rich truth of the Christian faith.

This is my first letter to you since Archdeacon Tackaberry laid down his work as Secretary-Treasurer and also as Archdeacon of Edmonton South. As Archdeacon Emeritus he will continue to be addressed as formerly. What I would do here is to express a brief word of thanks to him for all the support and counsel he has given me. He has served this diocese with devotion and wisdom. He has carefully guarded our meagre capital funds, so that with our little we have been able to do much in the way of Church extension. The Archdeacon, as Vicar of St. Michael's, North Edmonton, will not be idle; the work of that parish is a true Christian "success" story.

Yours faithfully in Christ,

Howard Edmonton

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THE RURAL PARSON PAYS

The bad roads of spring have found their way into the news persistently enough to remind us again of the Rural Parson and his insatiable Leviathan — the automobile.

Last year a major step forward was made by the M.S.C.C. in supplying the wherewithall for the Rural Clergyman to pay the fuel bills which result from his extensive travelling to minister to Anglicans in our farm communities. By virtue of a 50 - 50 arrangement between the local diocese and the Missionary Society a car allowance was granted of 8 cents per mile of Sunday driving plus half that amount to "cover" week-day visiting. This was a big step over previous arrangements.

But we should remember that even this present set-up is literally ruinous to the country priest. More often than not he is forced into debt over his car. The allowance does not, of course, come close to paying for the mileage run up on pastoral work from Monday through Saturday. Nor does it look after the speedy depreciation on cars which travel the country roads almost exclusively. We are told that a new car can stand up, with careful driving, for not much longer than two years. And yet the rural parson often needs five years to pay off the debt incurred in buying the car in the beginning. He is in the position, more often than not, of having to finance a car over four to five

years and finding that it lasts only half that time. It is only a matter of time, even with severe cost cutting on the family budget, that he is in the hands of the money lenders (or if fortunate, of the Synod Office), and carrying a financial burden that would make the Credit Bureau shudder.

In these days of extended credit, with everything from layettes to burial plots being bought on time, the plight of the Rural Parson might not seem so unusual. But, everyone knows that in a credit system, there must be some sound relationship between debts and income. It is the "thing" these days to be in debt. That is acceptable, but only so long as these debts are being handled. The parson cannot incur heavy debts because his earning power is too feeble to carry anything substantial. Here is where the trouble lies. With a small income, he must operate a car sometimes 15,000 miles each year and buy a new one every two or three years. He can't do it on his present salary even with the increased grant. He can't do it and eat, that is, without getting far into the red.

In spite of this, however, he ministers to his whole area most unselfishly. By private sums of money, by gifts which come like the manna from heaven, he still manages to avoid the debtors court and stay on the road. The fact that he is still there and still rolling is plain testimony to the grace of God. But his cause is urgent and Anglicans must back up the M.S.C.C. in every effort to deal with the car problem, even if it means increased subscriptions to the Diocesan Budget.

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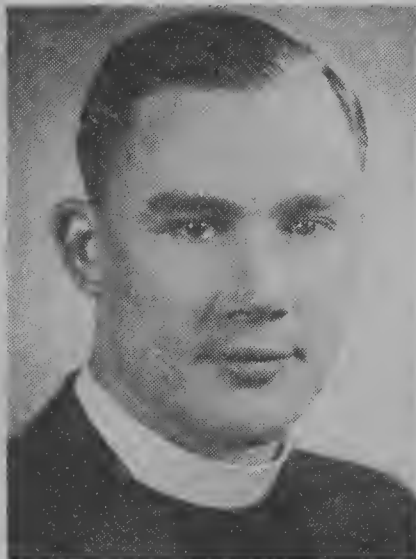
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ORDINATIONS MAY 22nd



THE REV. ROGER MAGGS

Vicar of the Church of the Good Shepherd and Dovercourt, Sherbrooke and Woodcroft areas of Edmonton.

The Bishop has announced that he will hold as service of Ordination on May 22 (the Tuesday in Whitsun Week), at Holy Trinity Church. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. with Mattins being said at 9:30 a.m.

To be ordained are: Mr. Tom Rayment to the Diaconate, The Rev. Roger Maggs, the Rev. Alan Swinton and the Rev. Clifford McPherson to the priesthood.

The three candidates for the priesthood are graduates of Emmanuel College, Saskatoon. Mr. McPherson, born in Nova Scotia is a long time resident of Edmonton. Married for the past 13 years he attended Emmanuel College, Saskatoon and graduates from that College this coming May 2. He has served in connection with St. John's Parish Edmonton before ordination to the Diaconate last May 15, on Rogation Sunday. Mr. McPherson and his wife are now resident at Mannville where he is Vicar.

Mr. Maggs was born in Wetaskiwin where his people still live and take an active part in Church affairs. He attended the University of Alberta prior to going to Emmanuel College from which he graduated last year. He was ordained to the diaconate at St. John's in the May ordination and is now incumbent of the Parish of the Good Shepherd. Mr. Maggs is also busy with the extension of the Church into the Dovercourt, Sherbrooke and Woodcroft areas, of Edmonton.

Mr. Swinton is another graduate from Emmanuel College in Saskatoon. A summer student at Westlock and with summer experience in the Army Chaplaincy service, he has been curate at Holy Trinity Church, Edmonton, since his ordination to the Diaconate in May of 1955. He too, was born and raised in the city of Edmonton.



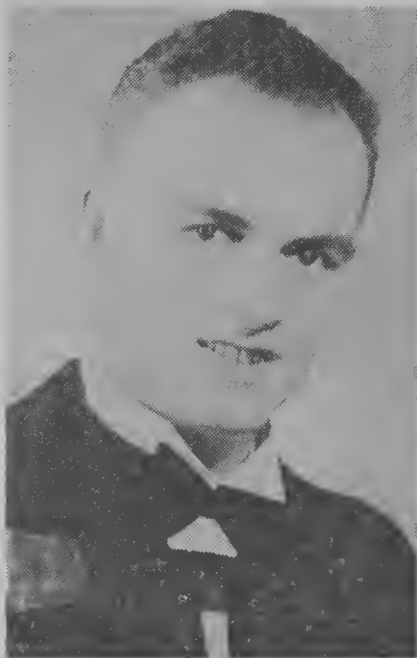
THE REV. ALAN SWINTON

Curate at Holy Trinity, Edmonton.



THE REV. C. C. MacPHERSON

Vicar of Mannville and Points



Mr. TOM RAYMENT of Holy Trinity Parish and Emmanuel College — To be ordained Deacon.



DIOCESAN NEWS



Archdeacon Tackaberry Feted at Recent Banquet

A luncheon was given the other day by the clergy and lay members of the Executive Committee in honour of the Ven. S. F. Tackaberry. The luncheon was held in the Corona Hotel.

A goodly number of the clergy of the diocese turned up to wish the Archdeacon well as he takes up his active retirement in St. Michael's Parish. The Bishop spoke with appreciation of the work and advice which Archdeacon Tackaberry had provided. But the gathering was not without its lighter side. There were references to "hidden balances" which drew from the Archdeacon his inscrutable, benign, smile reflecting both the wisdom of the serpent and the innocence of the dove. In fact there was a good deal of awe expressed at these "hidden balances" for so well are they concealed that no one really knows if they even exist except the Venerable Archdeacon himself. And he wasn't saying. As the speeches were made however, more than one clergyman could remember with gratitude that the former secretary treasurer had always produced something out of nothing in times of emergency.

On behalf of the clergy, and others Archdeacon Clough presented a golf bag to the guest of honour explaining that "Tack" had indeed invented the tee formation long before the Edmonton Eskimos were even dreamed of. "We all used to have to line up behind the Archdeacon", he said, describing the weekly Monday morning golf game of years gone by," and watch the tee. That was the original 'Tee formation.' Canon Teape, the new Secretary Treasurer obviously quite innocent of the game of golf, (but looking almost as inscrutable as the Archdeacon at the mention of diocesan finance), presented him with a new "spoon." Other gifts followed. A box of new golf balls and what might be called a purse were presented by Canon Elkin and Canon Ottley. The Rev. Wm. Sewell presented the Archdeacon with a specially constructed golf tee

WHAT ABOUT THE CATHEDRAL?



THE REV. DAVID JONES
Rector of Leduc and Devon,
Temporary priest in charge of the
Cathedral

"The Cathedral vestry is working hard," says People's Warden, Bruce Wilson," making arrangements for someone to take the place of Dean Sparling." Three meetings have been held by the Vestry in consultation with the Bishop over the matter of a new incumbent. But it seems likely that it will not be until September that the question is settled. A clergyman is normally required to give three months notice before he leaves one parish to take up work in another. The Rev. David Jones has been appointed temporarily priest in charge.

which cannot be lost, even by the Archdeacon.

The gathering broke up eventually, with everyone thankful that the Archdeacon will be active and busy in the Diocese and more ready than ever to take on all comers at the Municipal Golf Course. FORE!

MARWAYNE CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE

St George's Church, Marwayne was completely destroyed by fire about 11 a.m. on Sunday 8th April.

The above announcement closes a chapter in our local Church History that began over 50 years ago, when settlers in this part of western Canada wished to have Churches in their midst similar to those they had in the old land.

Many of us who came out later from Britain will remember the appeals made by Canadian Missionaries and the C.M.S. about 1900 to 1908, for Individuals, parishes and even Sunday Schools, to donate £50 (fifty pounds each) that would enable a small mission Church to be built. At that time the value was about \$250.00. Many of these Churches still exist, nearly all of the same pattern and familiarly known as the "Fifty Pounders".

The main portion of St. Georges, Marwayne, consisted of two of these missions, built about 1906-8. The Church built at Stretton 5 miles south of the present site along with the usable lumber from the church at Tring some 6 miles north: (torn down for the purpose of extending the one from Stretton).

Both of these churches have their Hallowed God's Acre, where rest so many of the faithful who, mostly by voluntary labour, built these Houses of God.

Many of these early settlers came by skow on the North Saskatchewan River to what is now known as the Lea Park Ferry (12 miles North of Marwayne) travelling by ox cart over prairie trails to their respective locations. Lumber for the buildings also came by river way. One can imagine the processions of 4 and 6 teams hauling this freight from skow to site.

The C.P.R. from Lloydminster to Edmonton came thru in 1926 and was the beginning of this village which is the centre of a very progressive agricultural district. 12 miles North of Kitscoty.

Regular Church services at Stretton were discontinued in 1918, due to the building of Holy Trinity Church at

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Anniversary Services In St. John's, Edmonton

Fortieth Anniversary services were held in the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Edmonton, on April 15th and 22nd. The Venerable S. F. Tackaberry, the Very Reverend W. E. Harrison and the Reverend C. C. MacPherson were the guest preachers.

St. John's history goes back to 1913 when the parish of Holy Trinity established a mission in the Allendale district. Services were held in the local school until 1914 when the old Trinity Church was moved to the corner of 105 street and 60 avenue.

In September, 1914, the Rev. W. E. Edmonds was placed in charge of the mission which was given the name of the Church of St. John the Evangelist. On February 8th, 1916, St. John's became a parish and Mr. Edmonds was named Priest-in-Charge.

In 1924, St. John's received a new home. This time it was moved to the corner of 70th avenue and 107th street. The year 1933 saw the old building moving further north to our present location, to become the Parish Hall. At the same time, St. Stephen's Church, Colchester, was moved to the same location and was renamed St. John the Evangelist. The Rev. Arthur Murphy was now Priest-in-Charge.

In 1946, the Rev. W. E. Harrison was named Priest-In-Charge and under his very capable direction the present Church was built. It was started in 1947 and completed in 1949. On May 24th, 1951, the original St. John's Church, now the Parish Hall, was destroyed by fire. It was replaced by the present Hall which was dedicated by the Most Rev. W. F. Barfoot of Edmonton, early in 1952.

The Reverend William Sewell, who came to St. John's in 1953, is the present Rector of the Church.

Following the evening service on April 22nd an Anniversary Fireside was held in the Parish Hall. Greeting were received from the Reverend W. E. Edmonds the first Rector of St. John's. Mr. R. L. Robson, Rector's warden, presented Prayer Books to seven "charter members" who are still very active within the parish; Mrs. H. Day, Mrs. J. Kinnear, Mrs. F. Myers, Mrs. L. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. A. Morgan and Mr. Frank Tomlinson.

Miss Cheryl Robinson of the Sunday School presented Mr. R. B. Wilson, People's Warden of All Saints' Cathedral, with a cheque for \$200.00. This sum represented the Lenten Box offering for 1956 and was a gift of the children to the Cathedral Building Fund.

Mr. L. S. Fielding, People's Warden, presented the Venerable W. M. Nainby, Archdeacon of South Edmonton, with a cheque for \$670.00. This was the parish Thank-Offering and will be used for Church Extension purposes within the Diocese of Edmonton.

The Anniversary Birthday Cake was cut by Mrs. Kinnear and Mrs. Myers.

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Irwinville 5 miles west and one-half miles south of town, but services were held at Tring and up until 1943. Shortage of Clergy, better roads, more speedy means of transportation, with easy access to the larger Churches—were all factors in diminishing the usefulness of these old mission Churches.

The growth of the Anglican population brought about the first Anglican Church Service held in Marwayne, on October 19th 1947 in the Community Hall, with Bishop Barfoot present. This was followed by a congregational meeting with full discussion. Later permission was granted for the Church at Stretton to be moved into town on to a site, allocated by the council.

It speaks well for the sturdy construction of St. George's that this removal bodily, was so successful considering the large east window 6 ft. wide and 9 ft. to the peak and 4 side windows all in the gothic style so familiar in England. Later this window was strengthened with two Amber Cathedral Lights in the lower part and two at the top and one white glass with the Cross of St. George in the centre. These were Memorials donated by friends of St. Georges.

For safety the square tower was taken down when the extension was made, a bell was donated and hung in a bellcote surmounted by a monumental Cross.

The drapes of red and gold with brocaded Monogram a gift from an Eng-

lish Parish. The linen from both old Churches (taken care of by parishioners) were brought back into use, as also the Organ and Stool from Stretton, the Lectern and the Litany desk. Also the Oak Cross in its place on the Holy Table came from Tring, even the same kneeler that was used by Bishop Newnham at the first service of Confirmation in 1909 (at that time the area was in the Diocese of Saskatchewan).

One of the large original Bibles and other Books used in the early days were amongst the irreplaceable links with the past—all these are now mingled with the ashes in the concrete basement along with the more recent memorials and modern improvements—the pride of the W.A. who had worked so hard during the past eight years to beautify St. George's—all this was so noticeable at the last service held on Easter Day to those worshippers at the Holy Communion.

What of the future? Surely that petition in the W.A. prayer is especially fitting at this time—"Grant that we may never be discouraged under difficulties, but go 'Forward in faith' looking unto Thee." We must always remember too—"There are diversities of working, but the same God, who worked all things."

HOW TO GET RID OF PASTORS

Methodist Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of Los Angeles has a formula he is going to deliver to the next committee that calls on him seeking to get rid of a minister for "inefficiency". His prescription:

Look him straight in the eye when he is preaching, and say Amen once in a while. He'll preach himself to death within a few weeks.

Pat him on the back and brag on his good points. He'll work himself to death.

Start paying him a living wage. He's probably been on starvation wages so long he'll eat himself to death.

Rededicate your own life to Christ and ask the preacher to give you a job to do. He'll probably die of heart failure.

Get the church to unite in prayer for the preacher. He'll become so effective some larger church will take him off your hands.

—The Witness.

WHAT IS A "DEAN"?

Even the regular people of the Church become confused, at times, over the various titles and functions of their clergy. Only one thing seems to be clear—you never call your clergyman "Reverend". Call him "Mister" or even, "Father" if you wish, but never by that other name!

Now, while the title of "Dean", makes the whole thing simple, (You can always say Dean So-and-So" and be safe), people are none too sure what a Dean is.

The Dean is the senior priest of the Diocese and is appointed by the Bishop under the canon law. He is chairman of the Cathedral Chapter, a body of senior clergy and laymen, also appointed by the Bishop. In old times, the Chapter had considerable influence. But today, he authority of the Chapter comes from the fact that its members are leading men in Church as much as it does from any stipulation in the canon.

The Bishop often works in close contact with the Chapter. In the Diocese of Edmonton the Cathedral Chapter has made the missionary work of the Church its official concern, (and sponsored the lectures on Church history given by the Bishop in the Cathedral recently).

The Dean is also the senior vice-president of the Diocesan Synod. (Archdeacons are also vice-presidents of Synod). This means that he is the "Admin-

istrator" of the Diocese when the Bishop is away, looking after Diocesan matters and chairing the meetings of the executive committee.

Being the Bishop's second in command he is therefore known as the "Dean of Edmonton" as well as the "Dean of the Cathedral."

Because the Dean is such an important figure in the administration of the Church he is usually the Rector of the Cathedral. But it has been known for the Dean to be someone else. Thus the Rector of the Cathedral could be picked by the Cathedral vestry (and approved by the Bishop), but he would not necessarily be the Dean until the Bishop appointed him to that position. In the Diocese of Keewatin, the Rector of the Cathedral has not been the Dean. In some instances a senior priest in another parish has been appointed Dean and in other cases the Bishop has reserved the title for himself and has been known as "Bishop and Dean."

But this practice is usually temporary and unsatisfactory, since the Diocese looks to the Cathedral for the lead and expects its clergyman to be the senior man under the Bishop.

It is interesting, however, that the Rector of the Cathedral need not be "Dean". He could simply be, "Mister". But, of course, not even in this strange but possible event would he ever be known as "Reverend."

Mothers' Union

At the first Diocesan Conference of the Mothers' Union held at Winchester in November, 1887, the following principles were adopted as the foundation upon which to build the work:—

"That the prosperity of a nation springs from the family life of the homes.

"That the tone of family life depends in great measure upon the married life of the parents— their mutual love, loyalty and faithfulness the one to the other.

"That religion is the indispensable foundation of family life, and that the truths of the Christian faith should be taught definitely at home as well as at school.

"That parents are themselves responsible for the religious teaching of their children.

"That character is formed during the first ten years of life by the example of habits of Home.

"That example is stronger than precept, and parents therefore must be themselves what they wish their children to be.

"That the history of the world proves the divine power given by God to parents, and to Mothers especially, because children are placed in their arms from in-

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THE NEW CATHEDRAL

Ascension Day, 1956 will be a day long remembered in our Diocese. For on that evening, May 10th, our new Cathedral Church of All Saints' will be joyfully dedicated in a service of festal praise and thanksgiving. This service will be conducted by our Bishop, the Right Reverend Howard H. Clark and the sermon will be preached by the Primate of All Canada, and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land the Most Reverend Walter Foster Barfoot.

The history of this Church as the Cathedral Church of our Diocese extends back just over forty years, when in 1914 the then rector, Henry Allan Gray, was consecrated the First Bishop of Edmonton, (It is very fitting that the Sanctuary window of the new Cathedral is to be a memorial in honour of Bishop Gray.) Since then, All Saints' Church has undergone several changes of fortune. On December 20, 1919, it was completely gutted by fire. On November 27, 1921, the crypt of the proposed new Church was dedicated, and by January of 1944 all debt on it was paid off. Then under the leadership of Dr. A. M. Trendell and sparked by some young people of the Cathedral parish, fund-raising began, ostensibly to complete the Church edifice, designated as the Cathedral of the Diocese in January, 1945. In ten years, this fund grew until it exceeded \$90,000.00; then a Wells Organization fund-raising project put our efforts to raise a worthy building for the praise of God into higher gear.

However, the old crypt was considered unable to support the building originally designed by H. A. Story, a long-time member and warden of the Cathedral Parish. Hence, the architectural firm of Blakey, Blakey and Ascher submitted several designs for a new edifice; less than two years ago the Archbishop of Canterbury turned the first sod on a site immediately south of the present Cathedral; and in just over a year's time since the first excavation began the new Cathedral edifice now stands completed and nearly ready for dedication.

The old Cathedral crypt, which has so many memories for All Saints' parishioners, is to remain in use, after some renovation, as the Parish Hall; while the

present Hall has been converted into accommodation for parochial meeting rooms and Synod Offices.

Many diocesan and public dignitaries will be attending the dedication service. This, however, is the Parish Church of All Saints as well as the mother Church of our Diocese, so we desire the Cathedral congregation to receive first consideration in attending this act of praise in which a new house of God is dedicated to His Worship.

Then on Sunday, May 13, we hope that the Bishop of Edmonton will preach in the morning and the Dr. A. M. Trendell, formerly Dean here and now rector of Saint John's (Shaughnessy) Church, Vancouver, will preach in the evening—but these plans are not yet finalized. The week following is to be a "week of preaching" during which the clerical members of the Cathedral Chapter, together with their choirs and congregations, will conduct festal evensong in the new Cathedral. The schedule of these services is as follows:

Monday, May 14th 8:00 p.m. Holy Trinity, with Archdeacon W. M. Nainby.

Tuesday, May 15th, 8:00 p.m. Christ Church, with Canon E. S. Ottley.

Wednesday, May 16th, 8:00 p.m. Saint Stephen's with Canon C. E. F. Wolff.

Thursday, May 17th, 8:00 p.m. Saint Mary's, with Canon W. T. Elkin

Friday, May 18th, 8:00 p.m. Saint Luke's Saint James's, and Saint Michael's with Canon A. Wallis, and Archdeacons C. F. A. Clough and S. F. Tackaberry.

In this way, we expect a goodly number of Anglicans in Edmonton will be able to worship in their new Cathedral Church as soon as possible after its dedication.

THE SYNOD OFFICE HAS MOVED — new address

The Synod office of the Diocese has moved again. It is now located in the Parish Hall of All Saints' Cathedral where it will stay for some time to come.

The New Address is: Synod Office, 10033 - 103rd Street.

Phone: Bishop: 24351 Canon Teape: 25474.

The new quarters include a new office for the Bishop, an outer office for the secretary, an office for the Secretary Treasurer of the Diocese, Canon Teape, and a conference room, to be used jointly for Cathedral and diocesan business. The old quarters, will soon return to their original purpose. What was once Westminster United Church will be moved into the Sherbrook and Dovercourt areas to serve Anglicans resident there.



The Excavation for the Cathedral showing location of the now completed building by the Crypt. Across the street is the Y.W.C.A.



NEWS FOR YOUTH



The G.A. festival held April 3rd and 4th was a huge success. The first day began with the girls registering at the desk tended by Bette Robarts, St. John's Carole Brownie, Holy Trinity, and Mavis Carey, St. Paul's.

The Rev. W. A. Swinton conducted the opening service at which Betty Ewasiuk, St. Michael's read the lesson.



St. Michael's G.A. singing "Work for the Day is Coming."

After Faye Rayment welcomed the group to Holy Trinity, Carole Horton, the Council President, gave the address of welcome, and Eva Gelmic,

President of the Edson G.A. replied. The roll call was taken by Mrs. Smith, Diocesan Girls' Secretary. We were sorry our guests from Frog Lake were unable to attend because of bad roads, but were glad to welcome Miss M. Fane, Youth Worker in Saskatchewan, Qu'Appelle, and Kootenay Dioceses.

The girls wrote their Mission Quiz in the morning, then enjoyed lunch, after which greetings were brought from the Diocesan W.A. Board by Mrs. W. L. Hammett, President, and from the Dominion W.A. Board by Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry, Prayer Partner Secretary. Carole Horton and Tory Whyte introduced the Council and Sorority executives.

The judges chose Carole Horton, St. Faith's, as "Miss G. A. of 1956".

The group then saw the movie "Anglican Congress at Minneapolis" which helped add to the meaning of their Book-of-the-Year, "All One".

The members joined in various discussion groups regarding the Handbook, then while the reading was judged, those not participating joined in a sing-song. Closing prayers were said by Margaret Burns, St. Mary's.

Betty Reeves opened the Wednesday sessions with prayer. The dancing and

singing were judged, and after lunch, judging of Drama took place.

At the concert on Wednesday evening. Gwen Skoricko, St. Faith's was mistress of ceremonies. After the numbers were given, the cups and pennants were presented to the winners. The individual reading competition was won by Mary Harkness, Holy Trinity, and Shirley Butterfield, St. Mary's Ponoka.

St. Mary's Edmonton, and St. Catherine's, Edson, won the cups for the highest averages.

Congratulations to all who took part in the festival. The entries are of better quality each year.

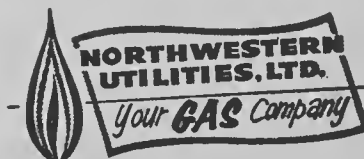
Since last festival, the Edmonton Diocese has added six new Honor Ring girls to its list, and three new groups have been formed. The girls are Eleanor Wade, All Saints; Gloria Hauca, St. Michael's; Carole Horton, St. Faith's; Betty Reeves, St. Faith's; Margaret Currey, St. Michael's; Margaret Burns. St. Mary's; all of Edmonton. The new groups are at Christ Church, Edmonton, St. Mary & St. George, Jasper, and St. Mark's, Hardisty.

We now look forward to the J. A. festival to be held on May 26th



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New Life Members

Mrs. L. D. Moore, Christ Church Afternoon Branch— a Dominion Life Member.

Mrs. D. Wilkinson, Leduc Afternoon Branch— a Diocesan Life Member.

Thank Offering

Will the branches which have not already sent in their U.T.O. donations please forward them as soon as possible.

Dorcas

Please send all parcels to Mrs. H. Davis, 10933-83rd St. Edmonton, by the end of June.

Education

Books in W.A. Library on loan, without charge, to W.A. members for a three week period. Contact Mrs. L. D. Moore, 10403 - 139th St. Edmonton.

1. The Gold Cord — Amy Carmichael.
2. Reading from St. John's Gospel — William Temple.
3. India Shall be Literate— Dr. Frank Laubach.
4. Reflections of a Pioneer (Nigeria). W. R. S. Millar.
5. They Found the Church There.— Henry Van Dusen.
6. Three Brave Women. — Jennie Campbell.
7. The Christ of Every Road.— E. Stanley Jones.
8. A Doctor Carries On.— Thomas A. Lambie.
9. Wanless of India.— Lilian Wanless.
10. A Grain of Wheat.— Toyohieko Kagawa.

Ten titles will be printed on this page each month until all the books in the Library have been listed.

Highlights of the Annual April 10th, 11th and 12th, 1956.

There were 305 communicants at the opening service of Holy Communion. Our own Bishop, the Right Rev. H. H. Clark was the celebrant and the preacher was the Right Rev. R. J. Pierce, Bishop of Athabasca, who spoke on our theme, "Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord."

132 Diocesan Life Members attended a conference on Tuesday afternoon. Free-will offerings of over \$315 were voted to the Gray Window, Dean Sparling Memorial, Mission at Suglik (Arctic), 30th A.F., J. A. Festival; Expenses, S. S. by Post and Radio, St. John's House, Camp Bursaries, Church Bible and Prayer Book Society. It was decided that the proceeds from the Annual Life Member's Tea should be divided between 30th A.F. and Furnishings for All Saints' Cathedral.

On Tuesday evening the Lord Bishop of Edmonton addressed the members of Evangelism, which is not a new procedure, but calls for a more complete dedication of ourselves and our talents. The power of Christ calls us to new levels of living. Much thinking and praying needs to be done about it in every parish of the Diocese. We need a flaming faith in God, an atmosphere of penitence and a loving concern for all people.

Conferences were held on Education, J. A., G. A. and Little Helpers departments during the noon hour, and proved very helpful. The Treasurer reported 4 new branches, making a total of 88 branches.

A wonderful shower of head squares were brought in for the girls at St. John's School, Wabasca.

The J. A. Festival will be held on Saturday May 20th. The opening service will be in the new Cathedral and the competitions in Alberta College Auditorium. Their \$42 excess pledge money was voted to All Saints' Building Fund and to the Mission ship "Northern Cross." The G.A. Festival had been held in Easter Week and was highly successful. It is possible now for girls to earn 12 badges \$30. pledge money was voted to the

three G. A. Missionaries. The Little Helpers, who now number 2402, had \$400 in Mite money to be voted away, and honored the following appeals:—

S.S. by Post and Radio, Camp Bursaries, Columbia Coast Mission boats, Mission in Arctic, Kindergarten training (Japan), Obuse-San (Japan) and Save the Children Fund.

The Pledges for 1956 are \$2672 — Dominion and \$850 — Diocesan, an increase of \$310.

The Missionary secretary reported that in response to the appeal for Flood Relief in India, \$5,088 had been sent to the Diocese of Amritsar, \$1200 to Pakistan, and \$600 to Ludhiana Medical College by the W.A. throughout the Dominion.

The E.C.D. money amounted to \$200 and was voted to Mayerthorpe for fair linen, to Onoway for Hymnaries, to Church Bible and Prayer Book Society, to S.S. by Post and Radio, and \$100 to Marwayne whose Church burned down on April 8th.

Diocesan Thank Offering and Church collections amounted to \$694.61 and was voted to Technical Services, Pakistan, Suburban and Rural Churches' Funds, Elizabeth House Extension, All Saints' Building Fund, Adult Literature in India and Africa, Obuse San, Ludhiana College, Gifu dormitory for blind women (Japan), Araucanians in Chile, the Gray Window, Appeals from Athabasca and Old Crow (Yukon) Mrs. Eagleson was the guest speaker on Thursday afternoon. She had spent last Christmas in the Holy Land, and she showed many beautiful slides of Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Damascus and many other traditional sites of events in the life of Christ. In her presidential address, Mrs. W.L. Hammett, stressed that each W. A. member is expected to take an active part in the program of intensified Evangelism.

The slate of officers for 1956.—
Patroness Mrs. H. H. Clark
President Mrs. W. L. Hammett

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INDIA FLOODS--Eye Witness

(Exerpts from a letter by Doreen and Ken Coleman, at Ajnala, Punjab, India on their recent floods.)

Dear Friends at Home:

It was only a few weeks ago, but how many days were crowded into the two weeks following the flood. It is a long time ago in our memory when the rains started one Monday afternoon. By Wednesday morning we were worried as the rains themselves were washing out some of the homes. Wednesday night we were told there was a flood coming from the river, so we went to the road, - and believe me you could see the water coming along the road faster than you could walk! A terrifying feeling - all that water coming along the road and no way to stop it! By now the rains had stopped. Early Thursday morning we climbed onto our roof. It was unbelievable - we were a tiny island in a lake of water as far as the eye could reach in every direction. The report from Ajnala (actually $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from us) was that everything there was in up to five feet of water. By the foresight of the builders of our place we were on high ground and the flood waters came to our land boundaries all around us, and just to the front of the church - then it stopped. There was no news coming from elsewhere because all communication was broken and no word could come out, not even to ask for help.

Ken's first thought was to get to Amritsar for supplies - all along the road people tried to stop him saying he couldn't get through but the Land Rover is a wonderful vehicle and the days ahead made this even more clear. The water was generally two feet above the road and running fast. There were several places where the road was breaking. He reached Amritsar to find them all in water too. The Bishop's car had been put somehow onto his verandah to try to keep it out of water - but the water was swirling all around it, and in and out of his house. The whole Mission Compound in Amritsar was all in water. Ken rounded up butter and milk powder from Church stores, medical supplies and cooked grain from the Government medical officer, then headed for Ajnala as quickly as possible. He passed some stranded vehicles safely and then stopped by a bus stranded across what was left of a vanishing piece of road. Water was a raging torrent, and the mud had no apparent bottom. The road behind gave away so he prepared to camp with the vehicle. He then made himself useful transporting supplies for the Army and government shipping supplies through the break to Ajnala - the worst struck district in the flood. The car was stranded there for three days. On the third night he was able to return to Amritsar by cycle where the Bishop had just returned by hitch-hiking from Kangra, and later the Land Rover was the first vehicle to cross the temporary Jeep

Road. After Holy Communion in Amritsar the Bishop drove him and six medical students as far as the break and Ken brought the doctors on here where we put them up for a short spell. Ken says the friendly Sikh farmers are owed a thank you for supplying food to him on the road.

When he finally reached Ajnala the waters had pretty well receded in Ajnala proper - the land beyond had not yet been reached! The Sukie River passes $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile below Ajnala and all the land beyond was caught in its flood and that from the Ravi River on the Pakistan border, three miles away. Some villages in that area were twenty feet under water. The main problem was to cross the raging Sukie River with supplies for those stranded people. Ken was given charge of ferrying a boat across the river but paddles in the hands of inexperienced men was dangerous so he came up with a ferry operated with ropes as pulleys and soon with the Army taking it over they were crossing an hundred men an hour when previously they handled forty a day. After crossing over the Sukie and hiking into this area Ken found the road needed very minor repairs. With a promise to take the Land Rover over if the road was fixed they sent the road repair men in to work and Ken set to work making a platform on a funny scow-like thing, managed to get the car onto it and then was pulled across with ropes. The car just fitted on, the boat was seven feet wide and twenty feet long! A big Sikh man and Ken acted as balance - when the top heavy thing started going down on one side they slid to the other shore. Then supplies were poured over by way of the ferry and Ken transported it as far as he could. Those villages that could not be reached by car sent people and animals to carry the things. Some had to carry loads as far as ten miles on their heads, going through mud and water. Each load weighed about fifty pounds. Most of the homes being made of mud were completely washed away and the destruction was unbelievable. Surprising though the loss of life was small. This is reported to be the worst flood in the history of India - as the Bishop said - "This certainly is the Granddaddy of all floods!" As well as supplies government officials began to come in, to view things. The Land Rover being the only vehicle across the river Ken has driven the Prime Minister, Governor, District Commissioner, Chief of this and that and a good many of the Cabinet Ministers into these villages. On the 18th of October the Bishop, the Padre here and Ken went into Gonewall, several miles off the road. Driving through this mud the Bishop remarked "if only we could get a picture of the Land Rover going through this mud." The last mile of this trip had to be taken on foot. They gave out blankets, butter, milk and some

clothing to these needy people on the banks of the Ravi River.

My job hasn't been nearly as exciting and one burns with a desire to do much - but of course I stayed with the children and kept meals coming. I had quite a bit of First Aid work to do, especially when the Government hospital here was in five feet of water. Most of my work is badly infected wounds. Luckily our family first aid box was well stocked so I didn't have to turn anyone away - but now it has reached rock bottom. I would like sometime to have a well equipped first aid kit, as I have a good many folk come with burnt hands, sores, etc. I enjoy helping them and I am certainly thankful for Girl's Guide training and St. John's Ambulance training in first aid and home nursing. After the rain water dried up I set to work pampering the water logged plants along then replanted what seemed like hundreds of tomato plants into the Demonstration Farm - which is part of Ken's work here. Now I have fun sorting mounds of clothing being gathered in Amritsar by one of our Christian schools for distribution into the flooded villages. Such a time sorting shoes! Caroline is used as a size gauge for the children's clothes and loves it. She takes just about everything in her stride but did say, "I do hope God won't send so much rain again!" Dale goes blissfully on being a happy baby and being thoroughly spoiled by the Indian girl who helps me here in the house. Kathy is in boarding school in Landour and we certainly miss her, but she is high and dry and reports a happy time. We count the weeks when she joins us again. Only four more to go!

Some amazing stories are coming through now - one family stood for three days in their house in water over their hips. They could not be persuaded to come out. Suddenly a big cobra moved in - as suddenly they moved out. Ten minutes later their house collapsed. Can you imagine living a couple of weeks in a tree? Many have and did until a boat came to rescue them. But can you imagine having a baby in a tree with a flood raging below you? It's been done and mother and son are doing nicely thank you! The spirit of these people is marvelous. No tears, no crying, just busily salvaging what they can and rebuilding on the mud heaps that were once their homes. It is estimated that 60% of the houses in our area were destroyed - one village had the whole Christian section completely ripped out by a tidal wave - result of the dam breaking. No one knew the wave was coming (everything happened so fast, remember only $2\frac{1}{2}$ days rain) The Christians had been standing all night in up to $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet of water, so the head of the village ordered them up into his home and others in higher land. Forty-five minutes later the wave struck and wiped the Christian homes away.

(Continued next month)

Rural Deanery of Edmonton

ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL

The Rev. David Jones

The Rev. Enoch Fowler

Canon T. W. Teape

It was with a sense, almost, of unbelief and shock that members of the Cathedral congregation and many friends throughout the whole Diocese and Dominion learned of the passing of Dean Sparling on Easter Monday. Even by the time of his funeral on the following Thursday, many seemed unable to grasp the fact that God had called Grant Sparling to a greater work in Paradise, when his work here — of building a new Cathedral to the glory of God — was so near completion. Yet on that day, an overwhelming number gathered in the old Cathedral to thank God for the life and witness of a true friend and pastor.

The Burial Office and Requiem Eucharist was conducted by the Bishop of Edmonton, assisted by the Primate of All Canada, who gave the final blessing. Members of the Dean's immediate family, some very close friends, and the Cathedral wardens received communion at that time. The clergy of the Diocese, and the Cathedral choir sat in the chancel, while members of the Cathedral congregation were joined by many friends of the Dean, by representatives of the armed services, companions in the Canadian Corps, the Lieutenant-Governor, and other state and Church dignitaries in the nave.

Clerical members of the Cathedral Chapter, acting as pall-bearers, escorted the Dean's body to the Edmonton Cemetery, where the committal was taken by our Bishop. Following that, members of the Canadian Corps conducted a brief memorial ceremony.

The passing of Dean Sparling has been a real loss to the life of our Diocese, though we know that in the wise purposes of God his good life is going on, and that he is still one with us in the communion of saints. All readers of the "Edmonton Churchman" surely join me in paying tribute to such a fine Christian, and in extending our sincere sympathy and prayers to Mrs. Sparling and her family in this time of bereavement.

HOLY TRINITY

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The Venerable W. M. Nainby

The Rev. W. Alan Swinton

Our Good Friday and Easter Services were much enjoyed by large congregations. On Good Friday evening the Choir sang the Sacred Cantata, "The Crucifixion". W. Smith and K. McLaren were the Guest soloists, and the choir under the direction of Ralph Couper gave a very fine performance.

Easter Day saw the usual large congregations at the morning services. At the evening service we were most happy to welcome our Bishop and to hear his

fine Easter message. Towards the end of the service, and to every one's surprise, including the Rector, he read the document appointing the Rector as Archdeacon of Edmonton South. It has a happy ending to a great Festival.

During the week Archdeacon Nainby left for Yellowknife to join Bishop Marsh on a visitation of Eskimo mission outposts in the Arctic. The chartered plane first visited Coppermine where a Tent Hostel has been set up so that Eskimo children can take advantage of the school. A number of services were held in St. Andrew's Church at Coppermine. Other places visited included Read Island, Holman Island, Cambridge Bay (where the infant daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Emmerson was baptised), Spence Bay, Gjoa Haven, a Dew Line Site, Perry River, and Bathurst Inlet. Services were held for Eskimos whenever possible.

We were very glad to have Canon Teape with us for some of the services during the Rector's absence, and we enjoyed his sermons very much.

The Girls Auxiliary Festival was held at Holy Trinity during Easter week. The Women's Auxiliary also held an Easter Tea which was well patronized.

The Holy Trinity Strathearn Group sponsored a Demonstration of Flower arrangements. Don Ramsey, of Walter Ramsay Ltd. gave a most interesting and helpful talk about the arrangements of flowers, and a number of bouquets were distributed afterwards.

The Men's Club, St. George's Dinner is to take place on April 22nd, and a large turn-out is expected. A good programme has been arranged and the Women's Fellowship are in charge of the catering.

The A.Y.P.A. meets under the guidance of the Rev. W. A. Swinton. They have great plans for a Box Social on Friday, May 4th, when they hope to entertain a number of the congregation at a social evening.

The Scouts and Wolf Cubs will hold the annual Father and Son Banquet on April 27th thanks to the Mothers' Association.

The Holy Trinity Carnean Group has arranged a Children's Fashion Show for Wednesday, May 9th in the Church Hall.

ST. DAVID'S

The Rev. H. G. Macdonald

Holy Week and Easter services were well attended this year—these being the first Easter services to be held in the new Church. On Palm Sunday we were happy to be the host to the Bishop of Ou'appelle, in Edmonton for the Lenten Services at the Cathedral. Services were held on Maundy Thursday commemorating the founding of the Holy Eucharist and on Good Friday a devotional service was held at 10:00 for the Children and another for adults at 12 noon. Easter

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day began with the Holy Communion at 7:00 a.m. and two celebrations at 9:00 and 11:00. The Church was filled for both services.

A special word of thanks is due to the Choir, who turned out that evening to take the Easter service to the Aberhart Memorial Hospital. Also the Altar Guild is to be congratulated on the fine burse and veil provided for Easter, the cassocks for the servers and for the especially beautiful floral arrangements for Easter Day.

In Easter week the W.A. held a Fashion show which was enjoyed by many guests and proved quite profitable.

The A.Y. is preparing for a Box Social to be in the Church at the end of April. We are looking forward to greeting the Bishop on April 29 when he comes to the parish for Confirmation.

ST. MARY'S

The Rev. Canon W. T. Elkin

As we write these notes we are still thinking pleasantly of the Whist party held at St. Mary's, April 13th when a very fine evening was enjoyed and we hope the W.A. will again sponsor such an event in the parish in the not too distant future. A real social evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

The J.A. held a successful tea and sale of homebaking April 4th and congratulations also, to our girls for the splendid showing at the Festival.

The Evening Group of the W.A. are busy planning for the spring tea May 5th while the afternoon group are looking ahead to their spring tea June 6th.

Easter Sunday saw a splendid congregation on hand at each service while on Palm Sunday we enjoyed very much the cantata put on by the choir. The morning service on the first Sunday after Easter was that of public baptism when seventeen were baptized—a very impressive and well attended service.

In these days of being prepared and organized, it seems the vogue to lay plans well ahead and so, having finally got the snow out of the way and the gardens under way—we think and plan our summer events—all of which means, we have set the date for our parish picnic as June 24th at Kapasiwin, so keep that date in mind.

ST. MARK'S

(111St. and 108 Ave.)

The Rev. C. W. Wilson

The Parish Social held in the Hall recently was very successful in spite of the small attendance, with the wish of some present a social will be planned each month on the first Friday evening of the month commencing at 8 p.m., fellowship, cards, games, dancing and refreshment make up the entertainment. Parishoners, these socials are to be for you and your families in the hope that we shall all get to know each other better and enjoy the fellowship to gether that should be present among us all in the parish. Please come out and intro-

duce your selves and let us get to know each other better. Many thanks to the ladies who brought refreshments and who helped out, also to the men who so graciously gave their time to make this first Parish Social so successful.

It is with a deep feeling of happiness that we of the Parish who knew Mr. A. Witcherly when he was active with us, at this time send out our warmest congratulations to him on celebrating his 90th Birthday on April 11th.

Congratulations are also extended to Mr. W. Fleming who recently completed his fortyth year with the Hudson Bay Co., Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were guests of the Bay at a Banquet and presentation recently.

The Women's Auxiliary had delegates attend the Annual Meeting which was held in Christ Church Parish Hall. The Presidents with the delegates attended the Luncheon held at the Corona. Both groups provided refreshments for the Parish Social. The Afternoon Branch held a Whist Party on April 20 in the Hall and are planning a Tea and Home Cooking Sale in early June. The Evening Branch catered to the Bank of Montreal opening on April 14. Thanks are in order to the President Mrs. L. Green and all the ladies in the group who co-operated so whole heartedly to make this large project so successful. Thanks to the husbands who provided transportation for the group to and from the bank. The W.A. wish to thank the Cub and Scout Mothers Group for the loan of the teaspoons, also to the Afternoon Branch W.A. for the use of cups and saucers. This Group will sponsor a Tea in the Hall on May 2nd.

The 7th Edmonton Pack Cub and Scout Mothers will hold their annual Father and Son Banquet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday April 17th.. Those elected at a recent meeting were as follows: President Mrs. G. Witley; Secretary Treasurer Mrs. R. Decker; Con-venor Mrs. R. Peel.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Rev. W. Sewell

April, for the people of St. John's, is a month of "Special" days.

First was Easter Sunday with its triumphant message of victory over death. The many beautiful services, conducted by our Rector, were all well attended. As a parent I would like to say it was indeed a pleasure and a privilege to attend the children's Easter Service on Sunday afternoon. Every available seat was occupied with parents and children eager to offer their Lenten "Church" Boxes to further God's work in the missionary fields at home and abroad.

The first Sunday after Easter it was once again our great privilege to welcome our Bishop to St. John's when he confirmed twelve young people from the Rector's Bible Class; Richard Brvant; James Hilling; John Martin; Robert Taylor; Judith Barford; Sandra Brvant; Gloria Giles; Arlene Grant; Barbara

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A Social Hour in the Parish Hall followed the Confirmation Service.

Our plans are now complete for the observance of our 40th Anniversary—a joyous milestone in the life of our parish. St. John's history goes back to 1913 when the Parish of Holy Trinity established a mission in the Allendale District in September 1914; the Rev. W. E. Edmonds was placed in charge of the mission known as the Church of St. John, the Evangelist. In 1914 St. John's was moved to 70th avenue and 107 street and later in 1933 was moved further north to our present location to become the Parish Hall. At the same time St. Stephens Church, Clochester was moved to the same location and renamed St. John the Evangelist, with the Rev. Arthur Murray, priest in charge.

In 1946 the Rev. W. S. Harrison was named priest-in-charge. In 1947 the present Church was started and completed in 1949. On May 24, 1951 the original St. John's Church, in use as the Parish Hall was destroyed by fire.

It was replaced by the present Hall which was dedicated by the Most Rev. W. F. Barfoot, Bishop of Edmonton in 1952. St. John's, itself a daughter of Holy Trinity now has a daughter parish of its own—St. George's, Windsor Park.

The Second and Third Sundays after Easter have been set aside for special Anniversary Services. The first Sunday we are pleased to welcome the Ven. S. F. Tackaberry, who with many people some still members of our parish, has watched St. John's grow during the past forty years. Archdeacon Tackaberry has served our Diocese for many years and helped many small struggling parishes such as St. John's once was. It seems most fitting the Archdeacon Tackaberry should start our Anniversary Services.

April 22 the second Sunday of our Anniversary, we shall welcome two very dear and true friends of St. John's, the Rev. C. C. McPherson, Christ Church, Mannville will conduct the service of Morning Prayer at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. W. E. Harrison D.D., Dean of Calgary will conduct Evensong. The Anniversary Fireside Hour will follow the Evensong Service and our Anniversary

Thank-Offering for Church extension work in the Diocese will be presented to our Bishop.

The Anniversary Show produced by the Men's Club will be presented April 25, 26 and 27.

ST. STEPHEN'S

The Rev. Canon C. E. F. Wolff

We shall not soon forget Lent and Easter 1956 which have now passed into history.

During Lent we were privileged to be visited by a number of bishops and priests. On the Thursday evenings we were pleased to welcome to our midst, our own Bishop, the Bishop of Ottawa, the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, the Reverend W. M. Bothwell and the Reverend Canon Alan Creene. On the Sundays in Lent we received much help from the Reverend A. J. B. Hough, The Reverend Canon T. W. Teape and the Reverend Father R. F. Palmer, SSJE.

The Holy Week Special Ceremonies were marked with greater attention than usual. Such Rites as the Palm Sunday Rite, the Maundy Thursday Liturgy, The Three Hours Devotion, The great Easter Vigil Ceremony, cannot help but set the note for a wonderful Easter Day. And this year's Easter was no exception to the usual. We did not break any records but the congregations were up to standard and the services—marked by the return to active duty of Mr. C. C. Ballantine, our organist—were perhaps a little more brilliant and thrilling than usual. At Evensong, the preacher was the Reverend J. L. Clarke, Western Field Secretary of the GBRE.

Mrs. Sussana Horton—On February 13th one of our older and much loved parishioners was called to wider service after a long illness, born with patience, love and resignation. Throughout her long life of over fourscore years, in difficulty and ease, in happiness and sorrow, in sickness and health—in later never wavered but always set an example of shining faith in her Lord and Master and devotion to His Church. With gratitude, we thank God for her life, work and witness. To her family we extend our loving sympathy.

The Afternoon Branch W.A. are holding a Mother's Day Tea in the Church

Hall on May 12th. There will also be a sale of home cooking and aprons.

The members of the branch are pleased to report that Mrs. Wentworth is out and around again after her recent stay in hospital.

The Altar Guild held their usual successful Tea and Sale on Saturday April 21st in aid of their funds. This Altar Guild Spring Tea has become something of a tradition in the parish.

The Evening Branch W.A. held a very successful sale of hand work, novelties, etc., on Saturday April 21st. in conjunction with the Altar Guild Tea.

We are very pleased to record that our devoted organist and choirmaster, Mr. A. C. Ballantine is now back at his regular post on Sundays. He has been away some weeks following surgery designed to give him better sight. We rejoice that his operation has been so successful.

By the time these notes appear we shall have had to take leave of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Swallow. Both during their long residence in Edmonton, have given distinguished service to the Church and to this parish.

Mr. Swallow was a member of the first Synod of this Diocese and has for many years been a member of the diocesan synod. He has also been a member of several General Synods and Provincial Synod. At the present time he is a lay member of the Cathedral Chapter, an honour conferred on him by Archbishop Barfoot in recognition of his long and distinguished service to the Church in this diocese.

Mrs. Swallow's service to this and other parishes are equally noteworthy but she will be long remembered in St. Stephen's Parish for her leadership in forming and nurturing the Altar Guild for many years. Gifted beyond the average she has poured out unspairingly of her gifts and talents for the beautification of God's sanctuary.

We shall sorely miss both these devoted servants of the Church but we rejoice in the knowledge that they will be working hard for the Church they love so well wherever they go. We wish them both a happy retirement in their new place of residence and hope that others will come forward to fill the gap made by their departure.

ST. LUKE'S

Canon A. Wallis

On Wednesday evening March 28, we were given the privilege of a visit by the Rt. Rev. Michael E. Coleman D.D., Bishop of Qu'Appelle and his message inspired all those who attended that Lenten Service. It is hard to believe that so much spirit and a lesson to Christians could originate from a "Soap Box in London". Meeting the Bishop socially in the Hall after the service was an added pleasure.

Spring did not come for Easter but the weather did not dim the Glory of Easter nor lessen the warmth in our hearts as we sang the beautiful Easter hymns in praise of Him, who rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. All the services were well attended and it was indeed regrettable that we could not accommodate all at the 110's Service. Our hearts were indeed sad on Easter Monday morning and we at St. Luke's mourned with the other Churches in our Diocese, the passing to higher service of Dean Sparling. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Sparling and family in their bereavement and to the members of All Saints Cathedral in the loss of their spiritual advisor and friend.

The Altar Guild meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. D. G. Reid on Thursday April 19, will make final preparations for the "Sewing Stall" which will be operated by members of this Guild in the Market on Saturday, April 21st.

St. Luke's W.A. Groups were well represented at all the sessions of the Diocesan W.A. Board. These meetings not only bring before us the work accomplished through the past year but bring renewed associations with many friends.

Although our G.A. group is not active at the moment, our interest in the G.A. Festival was not lacking and our congratulations are extended to St. Mary's G.A. on winning the Cup. Their work was indeed commendable.

The next meeting of the Men's Club on Wednesday May 9, will take the form of a "Pot Luck" Supper when it is hoped all the men of the Congregation will attend and enjoy the fellowship of these meetings.

Blue prints for the new Church have almost been completed by the Architect and the Building Committee are hoping to finalize all preparatory arrangements in the very near future.

The Canvass Committee too have been on the job and soon hope to have as complete a Parish list as possible, with a better foundation for work in the Fall Canvass.

Following a motion at a recent Vestry meeting that the Rector be given one day each week free of parochial duties, the Parishioners are advised that Monday will be the "Parsons" day off. We hope this applies to the Parson's wife as well.

Baptisms: April 8, Bruce Thomas MacLeod; April 15, Kenneth Guthrie Cillett; Kenneth Bede Regan.

Marriages: March 17, John Samuel and Anne Parker Weymark. March 24, Robert Franklin Brooke Snazelle and Onagh Margaret Bernice Harrington. April 17, Barry Richard Walden and Alice Winnifred Neal.

Burial: April 3, Thomas Ashlee.

ST. PAUL'S

The Rev. F. E. Smith

St. Paul's have kept up their very active years start and are growing in leaps and bounds. The Bishop was out in February and at a very lovely evening service confirmed twenty-five candidates.

On March 18, No. 9 Wing Royal Canadian Air Cadets of 395 Squadron under the leadership of Wing Commander F. H. Mathew attended Church service in the morning. Three brightly colored drummers paraded the cadets into church and the color party following the choir in made a very impressive entrance. Following Prayers for the Air Cadets and the singing of the hymn "For Those Who Travel By Air", the retiring of the colors and the cadets made the people of St. Paul's Parish very proud to have had them worship with them.

Easter Sunday services were well attended and for those who attended early service and those who like myself enjoy the Easter Hymns so much, an Easter Carol Service was held the following Sunday.

Baptisms: Gwendolyn Eleanor Hiltz; Edward Mealing; Diana McDonough; Stuart Oslund; Patrick Ennis; Cristine Murdock.

Weddings: Kenneth Donaldson to Myrtle LaRoque; Norman Woodford to Ruth Wilson; Edward McWhirtar to Dorothy Schening; Kenneth Binning to Doris Stott.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

The Ven. S. F. Tackaberry

Easter Services were the best in numbers present and in communicants. The choir was in excellent form.

The G.A. thoroughly enjoyed the Diocesan Festival and their dramatic effort was original.

The visit of the Reverend Wm. Sewell on the second Sunday after Easter was much appreciated. He will be welcome back to St. Michael's as often as he can come.

The farewell party to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kerr and Mrs. Dykes brought a

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large party to the Parish Hall. They will live in St. Paul's Parish. The best wishes of a host of friends go with them.

Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Weaver in hospital.

ST. BARNABAS, JASPER PLACE Canon J. C. Matthews

We have had three conferences with regard to the possible moving of the old St. Faith's Church to the church lot, one at the Synod Office with his Lordship the Bishop, one with the Rev. W. Sewell at 10449-146 St. and one at St. Barnabas which was attended by his Lordship the Bishop, Archdeacon Tackaberry, Archdeacon Clough, Canon Teape, the Rev. W. Sewell and two laymen. From St. Barnabas were present Messrs. Barnes, Cornwell, Dearden and Wiggins and myself.

The fact is that it would cost approximately \$15000. to move the building and reconstruct it and as this amount of money is not available at the present time it seems best to drop the project and find some other way of providing a church for this parish.

Two of the W.A. ladies have completed an exhaustive inventory of the contents of St. Barnabas Church building and for this most necessary work many thanks are due.

We have a new table for use at meetings which Mr. Alec Barnes has made and presented to the Church.

I can see that we shall have to get him or Mr. Beens to make a chair for the Bishop and a Faldstool when he comes at some future time for Confirmations.

On Easter Day on account of the number of Sunday School Scholars attending the main service all seating accommodation was exhausted and it was a case of standing room only.

In order to assist the churchwardens in the keeping of the accounts Mr. A. Barnes was elected to act as Treasurer.

We are looking forward to the visit of his Lordship the Bishop for the Confirmation on May 6th at 7:30 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH Canon E. S. Ottley

One of the happiest occasions during the past month was the St. Patrick's Day Tea organized by the W.A. for the support of the Building Fund and Bishop Gray Memorial Window Fund of All Saints' Cathedral. All the organizations of the Church shared in making this event a great success, and many of the men of the Church were present to pour tea and serve. We are thankful that we were able to make this gesture of good-will when the Dean was still with us. It is with a real sense of loss we mark here the death of the Dean, but we rejoice with him in his new realm of service to the Master.

On Palm Sunday Morning we had a variation from the usual form of service. The various sections of the Passion Story were read, and a number of appropriate Chorales were sung by the Choir, as well as Congregational hymns. This formed what turned out to be a most apt preparation for the observance of Holy Week and Good Friday.

Easter was once again a great day for us in Christ Church. Large congregation attended all services, but we make special note of the Family Service on Sunday afternoon, when all our boys and girls with many of the parents filled the Church completely. The Children's Lenten Boxes were presented, and in addition we took advantage of the occasion to make a farewell presentation to Mrs. Slean, who has been the director of our Beginners' Department for seven years. The Sleans have now left for the Maritimes, whence we hope they will return when Captain Slean has finished his period of duty there. Meanwhile, they will be greatly missed in Christ Church.

It was a privilege for us to have the Annual meetings of the Diocesan W.A. in Christ Church. The various departments took over the entire Parish Hall for a period of three days. As far as we could judge, the meetings were most successful, and we are glad to have had the opportunity of being their hosts.

Following the evening service of April 15th., the Choir gathered in the Rectory for a social evening. Farewell presentations were made to Mrs. W. M. Young, who is by now on her way to Scotland for an extended visit, and will return to St. George's Parish; to Miss Lorna Garrett, a faithful member of the Choir and leader of the Sunday School Choir who now attends St. John's, and to Merck Minnesma who so readily acted as our organist during the fall and early

winter. We shall miss them all, and wish them God-speed in their new Church associations.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, GIBBONS The Rev. S. H. E. Jarvis

An item missed in March Issue

A service of tribute to Lord Baden Powell was held on Sunday Feb. 26th, Rev. Jarvis officiating. Three Guide members, Marlene Gibbons, Jo Ann Toan, and Avis Williams received a "Religion and Life" badge from the Rector. The Cub group and Brownie Group were also present.

A joint meeting of the Vestry and W.A. was held March 21st to discuss various activities planned in the celebration of our Jubilee Year.

The date for our Thanksgiving Service in connection with our Jubilee, was set tentatively for July 16th. We hope to see many of our old friends gather with us on this important day in our Church life.

We appreciate the services of Mr. "Chuck" Bell of Redwater and the scripture dissertation he has given us.

Marriages: Miss Eva Hogg was united in marriage with Mr. George Brian Ensell.

Baptisms: Four children of Mr. and Mrs. Buchler of Vulcan. Donna Jean, Deborah May, Larry Blaine, and Herbert Wayne.

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Marriages: At Edson; Kenneth, McIntyre and Edith Simmons; Fred Armstrong and Marie Dubois. At Rosevear Fred Stevens and Patricia Payne.

Baptisms: St. Catherine's, Edson Randall England, Marjorie Batty, Frederick Armstrong.

ST. CATHERINES, EDSON

The Rev. H. W. Buchner

The Rev. J. G. Gardiner

The crowded Easter Services were a great joy to the vicar and parishioners alike. They also served to point up the fact that there are other reasons, besides a decaying roof, why we should soon be building a new Church.

Another highlight of the month was the winning of the out-of-town silver cup by our girls at the G.A. Festival. This came as no great surprise to those of us who know this fine bunch of girls and their exceptional leader. We are very proud of them.

The newly formed men's club has lost no time in getting down to work. Mr. Earl Pollock has devised a very ingenious patient folding table which is now going into mass production use in the Parish Hall.

The W.A.'s are compensating for a not too successful bazaar with sundry catering jobs.

We are now looking forward to the Bishops visit for the Confirmation Service with the classes over, we hope the clergy will have a little more time to breathe.

ALL SAINT'S, DRAYTON VALLEY

The Rev. Leslie Corness

Though Mr. Corness is now stationed at Edson for a few months, he has still been able to supply service here at least twice a month. Easyford have their services on Friday evenings in the school Sunday School continues every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. under the capable leadership of Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Burroughs and Mrs. Fraser spell each other off on the teaching end of things.

Services have been discontinued at Buck Creek since the Easter service, as the ice is now unsafe for crossing.

However Mr. Corness expects to resume services over the river early in May when either the cable car or the ferry are put into operation.

Both the Church and rectory were broken into in early April, but except for mud and some ransacking, nothing appears to have been taken. It appears to have been the work of drunks.

There were several W.A. members who intended going to the W.A. Annual in Edmonton, but as various things cropped up, the president, Mrs. Williams, was the only one who finally made it. She reported a very informative and full convention.

Roads in the area are still somewhat muddy, but the snow has disappeared much better than expected. There was no flooding in the Church basement this year.

Confirmation classes are continuing twice a month Mr. Corness is here for services.

Next services will be at Easyford on May 4 at 8 p.m. and Drayton Valley on May 6 at 11 a.m.

ST. MARY AND ST. GEORGE

Jasper, Alberta

The Rev. G. A. Robinson

The annual parish meeting was held on Sunday March 25th following Evensong. With Father Robinson in the chair the meeting opened with prayers. The Vicar then gave a brief talk in which he said how pleased he was with the work that was being done for the Church by the people of the parish. Mr. George Prouse was re-appointed as Vicar's Warden. Dr. A. Venner was elected Peoples Warden. Elected Peoples Warden. Elected to the Vestry were Messrs. J. Warren, N. Scott, G. Leckey, S. Clark, A. Mauger, V. Neely, W. Cleveland, H. Webb, and Mesdames; Fisher, Webb, Venner.

Envelope Secretary Mrs. J. L. Stock; Edmonton Churchman Secretary Mrs. G. Prouse.

All reports were adopted. There are now 64 envelope subscribers. There were thirty-five parishioners at the meeting.

The Good Friday Services were the first to be held in the Church since it had been closed in the Fall. The grateful thanks of the congregation is extended to all those who worked so hard to make this possible.

Public Baptisms were held on Easter Eve. The beauty of both the Service and the Church were an inspiration and a comfort to all who attended. It seems to indicate so truly the promise that on the morrow, "He would indeed be Risen."

The Easter Tea and Sale of Work and Bake Table held in the Parish Hall and sponsored by the Guild was most successfully convened by Mrs. F. Crowther.

Holy Eucharist was celebrated on Easter Morning at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 10 a.m. All services were well attended with a record number of communicants at the 10 a.m. service. Congratulations to the Choir, Choir Master and organist. Father Robinson will conduct adult con-

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firmation classes in the Vicarage following Evensong on Sundays.

Monday April 2nd at the Vicarage the first meeting of the new Vestry was held. Mr. N. Scott was appointed Treasurer. The meeting was most productive and much work was planned for the coming season.

Prior to the departure of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. L. Dempster to make their home in Prince Albert Mrs. Dempster was entertained at the Vicarage by the ladies of the Guild and E.B.W.A. Mr. and Mrs. Dempster have long been associated with the life of the Church. They will be sadly missed by their many friends. On behalf of the congregation of St. Mary's and St. George we wish them every happiness for the future.

Through the kindness of individuals and the generosity of the Church Organizations the Vicarage is gradually being furnished.

Mrs. Chapman has kindly undertaken to make a rug for the Sanctuary. Woolen garments, more especially woolen under-wear, is needed. Donations for this work may be left at the Vicarage.

Attention Please. Edmonton Churchman subscriptions are due now.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mrs. Lloyd Begley and family in their recent sad loss.

ST. PHILIP'S, WESTLOCK

The Rev. R. A. Sayer

We are now able to report that Lenten services were very well attended this year. Perhaps it was because Choir practice followed the services, but we prefer to think that there were better reasons. All the services this year were held on Thursdays with the exception of the first day of Lent. Again this year Holy Week was a busy time with good congregations at all services. The Altar Guild made purple veils for the whole Mission to be used during Passiontide. On Palm Sunday the Altar looked a little cheerier with a backdrop of large palm fronds. Palms were blessed and distributed at the late service. On Tuesday in Holy Week we were very happy to welcome back to St. Philip's the St. Luke's Players of Beaverlodge whose Passion Play this year was entitled "In Three Days". Prior to the Play dinner was served for the cast in the Parish Hall, and after the performance the Guild served refreshments at which time everyone was able to meet the Players. We are looking forward to a third play next year. This year, the Maundy Thursday celebration of the Eucharist took place at 8 in the evening, enabling a larger congregation to participate. Following the celebration the Vicar, aided by the servers, stripped and washed the Altar in commemoration of our Lord's washing of the disciples feet the first Maundy Thursday. The Good Friday service was held at noon as it was last year. All these services reached their climax on Easter Sunday, when, before banked Altar the Holy Eucharist was offered in thanksgiving for our

Lord's Resurrection. This year, we were able to add musically to our Palm Sunday and Easter services when the Choir sang simple anthems during Communions.

Burial: Lena Robins.

CHRIST CHURCH, JARVIE

The Rev. R. A. Sayer

Winter's passing and Spring's arrival have meant some reduction in the services at Christ Church. Either the Vicar couldn't make it, or else if he did, he found himself and Mr. Horrocks alone at the Church since the roads have made it impossible for most of us to attend. There was no Good Friday service this year, but fortunately the road situation

did enable a fair number to get to Church Easter Sunday to make their Communions. We were not able to have our reredos, mentioned last month, completed in time for Easter Sunday, but by the time you have read this news, it will be a further improvement to our Sanctuary. Plans are now under way to raise enough money to install our much needed false ceiling before another winter comes, and with luck we may be able to get enough money together to do some more work brightening up the interior of the Church. However, at the present time, all our efforts seem to be connected with cleaning up last year's commitments. And talking of commitments, we would like to remind subscribers that if they are still in arrears

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COMMUNITY CHURCH, FAWCETT

The Rev. R. A. Sayer

Our monthly service for April was held on the second Sunday of the month so that the people in Jarvie could make their Easter Communions Easter Sunday. Our former school-house continues to improve its appearance as a Church. For this service, matting from Westlock was provided for the aisle and Sanctuary, as well as the Prayer Desk formerly used in Westlock. The Altar Cross formerly in Dapp, and which was taken to Westlock for refinishing was also in place on the Altar this month. All we need now to complete our furnishings is an organ,

and the Vicar informed us that the Dapp organ is now in Westlock being repaired and will be in our Church for next month's service.

Our school-house Church was quite full this month, and we were especially happy to see so many children. It was also the occasion of the Baptism of Kimberly Allen Spencer, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer of the repeater station who were active in the establishment of the Community Church in Fawcett. We are sorry to have to report that Mr. Spencer has been transferred "down north" to Whitehorse. He left to take up his new post in April. Mrs. Spencer and the children will join him after school-closing. We take this opportunity to wish the Spencers the best of everything in their new home.

Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

IMMANUEL CHURCH, WETASKIWIN

The Rev. W. R. Greatrex

The joyful Feast of Easter was observed around the Lord's Table by close to one hundred Communicants at the two Festal Eucharists. The Church with its flowers, candles, and ornaments sparkled to God's Glory as a result of the efforts of the Sanctuary Guild and the Church Janitress.

The Fellowship of the Concerned is meeting twice monthly on Wednesdays at 9.00 p.m. for corporate prayer for Evangelism and meditation on the Scriptures.

An Easter-tide Parish Social Evening is planned for Monday, April 30th, with representatives of the Vestry, the W.A. Branches and the A.Y.P.A. forming a committee for this affair, which it is hoped will be enjoyed by all our Parish Family.

At their last meeting the Vestry reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mrs. E. Sweatman as Envelope Secretary. Mrs. Sweatman has carried on this essential work for some time in a most capable fashion. We are pleased to say that a worthy successor has accepted this post: Mr. D. Jerrold, who with Mrs. Jerrold has recently returned to Wetaskiwin and Immanuel Parish life.

Holy Baptism: Nancy Irene Barnett.
Holy Burial: Ethel Baker.

ST. ANDREW'S, CAMROSE

The Rev. A. G. Hooper

It would not be fair to begin our notes this month without mentioning the outstanding beauty of our church during the Easter Season. It seemed perhaps that many of us had grown accustomed to the Lenten drabness. Then there was the starkness of Good Friday. But on Easter Eve we caught a glimpse of the beauty which was to be seen in its fullness on Easter Morning. In the bright-

ness and amid the beauty of the Easter flowers and decorations, the very building in which we worshiped, expressed in a real way the joyous Christian spirit which made it echo with the cry Alleluia!

The Easter Festival was both beautiful and joyous in the parish. The Holy Saturday Rite; blessing of the Paschal candle, blessing of new fire and of the font, and the reaffirmation of our baptismal vows, seemed a fitting preparation indeed for our Easter Communion. Perhaps the figure of 140 persons communicated Easter Day is a record for the parish. Many people thought that the congregation at eleven o'clock was the largest to ever squeeze into the building, but perhaps we always like to think that on Easter Day. Most wonderful of all was the knowledge of our fellowship with the Risen Christ, assured by his own promise to the Church.

The parish organizations all report that they are once more back to the busy round of activities after the Lenten calm.

Two members of the Evening Group of the W. A. attended the diocesan meetings in Edmonton. A successful Rumage Sale was held on Saturday April 14th by members of the same evening group. Two members of the W. A. Afternoon group also attended the Diocesan Annual.

The G. A. girls returned, not altogether triumphantly, from their Edmonton Festival. We had thought that musically they might be hard to beat. Now it seems there is some latent talent in the field of dramatics. This versatility is at least refreshing. The one unhappy note in the G. A. life these days is Miss Barbara Howarth's resignation of the leadership. However the fact that Barbara is giving us up so she can take over a husband brings us a share in her happiness.

May holds promise of a lively festival for the J. A. and our group is busily working toward this objective.

ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

The Rev. A. G. Hooper

A number from this Parish attended the Induction Service in Camrose, and were happy to be included in the social hour afterwards. Thank you very much Camrose W. A.'s.

We would like to take this opportunity to express a hearty welcome to the Rev. A. G. and Mrs. Hooper, and to hope we will all become better acquainted soon.

Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday were very much appreciated. Our Easter Service was held at nine o'clock Easter morning. Members of the W. A. gave flowers for the altar.

Attendance at Church School has been quite good considering the condition of the country roads.

Mrs. H. Ramsell and Mrs. C. T. C. Roper were delegates to the Diocesan Annual Meeting of the W. A., and will give their reports at the next meeting here, which will be held April 18th.

Miss Carol Ramsell attended the session of the G. A. in Edmonton.

ST. MARK'S, HARDISTY

HOLY TRINITY, HUGHENDEN

The Rev. George Youmatoff

The extremely busy Lenten and Easter season now over, everyone is taking a well-earned breather before starting the serious business of enlarging the Vicarage and not less serious business of raising the funds for the necessary work.

Tuesday in Holy week saw a near record congregation assembled for the Confirmation Service. Bishop Clark, after having dinner with the Vicar and Wardens, administered the Sacred Rite of Confirmation to six candidates:—Pauline Butcher, Kay Kreuger, Valentine Pedlar, Diane Mills, Jack Thorp and Norman Woodcock. After the Service everyone came to the Vicarage where the W. A. had prepared refreshments to

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enable all to meet the Bishop and congratulate the newly-confirmed.

The attendance during Holy Week Services passed even the Vicar's optimistic expectations and, as at the time of writing, shows signs of maintaining its high level.

G.A.: The three members of our newly-formed G.A. all attended the G.A. Festival in Easter Week and enjoyed it very much. The first post-festival meeting on the 13th of April (lucky Friday the 13th) brought in six new recruits and the group promises to become a really active one with their eyes on a cup or pennant at next year's festival. Good luck girls.

W.A.: The March Home Cooking Sale turned out to be a great success and plans are under way for a bazaar in May. Taking everything into consideration the ladies are putting up a fine show and have proved of great help to the Church both financially and from the point of view of work. They haven't let us down yet.

SAINT OLAF'S MISSION

The Rev. L. G. Comley

The Reverend Lloyd George Comley, has been appointed parish priest to

Saint Olaf's Mission by the Bishop. Father Comley arrived at Winfield, (the focal point of the Mission) during Passion Week.

Saint Olaf's Mission is made up of Saint George's Parish, Winfield, and the Anglican Churches of Hoadley Alder Flats, Bretton and Lindale-Berrymore. Holy Week and Easter Day services were well attended at all these points.

On Monday, April 2nd, the Vestrymen of the Church at Hoadley held a pie social and realized roughly \$100.00. Congratulations!

On Holy Saturday, the Women's Auxiliary of St. George's, Winfield held a tea and bazaar, which was well attended, and was financially successful. Good work, ladies!

Prior to being appointed to Winfield, Fr. Comley was priest in charge at Wainright. The new Vicar was accompanied to Winfield by his Mother and his three children.

Baptisms: Richard Franklin Hare, (Adult) Alder Flats.

Holy Matrimony: Richard Franklin Hare and Nellie Taylor Pye, both of Alder Flats.

Rural Deanery of Vermilion

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The Reverend K. A. Minchin

Easter tide with its attendant Spring weather brought a wonderful response in the Parish, and the services in St. Saviour's were conducted in a crowded Church for the morning Communion. There was also a good response at the country points in spite of the very poor road conditions. All three country points scheduled for services were reached, although the schedule slipped a little.

The interdenominational services which were held in Vermillion during Holy Week were most successful; the average attendance at the four places of Worship in which they were held being ninety people.

All members of the Parish were deeply grieved to learn of the death of Dean Sparling. He will be sadly missed.

We would most sincerely wish Archdeacon Tackaberry well in his retirement from the post of Secretary-Treasurer of the Diocese, and in his entry, even more fully, into the work of his Parish of St. Michael's.

Following the usual good meal at the supper meeting of the Men's Club, Rector's Warden E. H. Buckingham conducted a most successful Ecclesiastical Quiz.

Earlier this month, members of the Happy Hour Group of the W.A. catered to a very successful Banquet on behalf of the Canadian Legion when they gathered on the anniversary of Vimy Ridge. The Afternoon and Happy Hour Groups of the W.A. were represented by Mrs. J. R. Robson, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. J. K. Thompson and Mrs. R. J. Cosh on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the W.A., held at Christ Church, Edmonton.

The Dramatic club have finally managed to produce a play in spite of all adversities, and are planning to put it on the road in this area during the first week in May.

On Sunday 15th April, we were honoured by a visit from Bishop Clark. The Bishop was able to visit country points in which he had not previously had an opportunity to preach. Since the primary object of Bishop Clark's visit was to administer the Rite of Confirmation to twenty-one candidates, it may be gathered that the day was a very busy one. The evening service at St. Saviour's was most memorable. In the presence of some one hundred and fifty parishioners, eight young people and thirteen adults each reaffirmed the vows made at their baptism and became full members of the Church. Those receiving the Rite were:—Young people; Robert John Park; Donald Stephen Dixon; Garry Wayne Hareuther; Alan Richard Cosh; Sandra Jean Park; Diane Margaret Taylor; Doreen Sharon Myhren and Patricia Elizabeth Thompson. Adults; John William Shaw; Emerson Manuel Ternoster; Mary Ellen Ternoster; Edward

Frederick Richardson; Esta Lorene Richardson; William Henry Boulton; Joseph Clayton Harrower; William John Pettigrew; Elizabeth Downess Shaw; Lilian Mary MacFadyen; Julia Garnett; Jessie Rachel Haines and Mary Gladys Carie Rendell.

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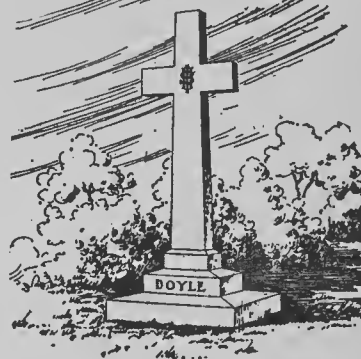
The Rev. C. C. MacPherson

Our regular services have been held the Church being filled to overflowing on Easter Sunday.

Sunday School is held every week as is the J. A. and Church Boy's League.

The Happy Hour W.A. catered to a Loyalty Dinner with the help of the Senior Group and many other Church ladies. This was a very successful venture and was very well carried out. The day after the Dinner everybody met in the Parish Hall for a 'Pot Luck' supper of the food that was left. It was so nice to see so many people out.

The March meeting of the Happy Hour W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. F. Kreller with a very good attendance. It was decided to have a cup and saucers shower at the next meeting for use in the Parish Hall. We were also going to get the slides on the Study Book to show in the Parish Hall. Both W.A.'s are buying material to be made into surplices for the Junior Choir. Arrangements were made for transportation to the Annual. An invitation to



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attend a meeting of the Happy Hour in Vermilion was accepted.

There was a very large attendance at the Good Friday Service and at the service following Easter at which we celebrated Holy Communion. Rev. Minchin being the celebrant.

A Vestry meeting was held in the Vicarage for more discussion and plans for the building programme.

On April 1st the Junior Choir wore their gowns for the first time. Many thanks are due Mrs. E. B. Allen for making these gowns which were done in the short period of three days. We are indeed lucky to have such a willing and capable worker in our midst.

Attending the Annual from Mannville were the two delegates: Kay Sutton and Edith Laidler also Mrs. MacPherson and Frankie Kreller. From the Christ Church W.A. Mrs. Nellie Whitson and Mrs. E. Williams. These delegates will be giving their reports at the next monthly meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Scott were welcomed to the congregation of Christ Church and Mrs. E. Mercer was welcomed back after a few years of living in Edmonton.

ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

The Rev. C. C. MacPherson

Church has been held regularly every two weeks the past month. On April 15th the roads were impassible. The Easter Service on April 1st was well attended.

The April meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Jackson on April 4th but due to road conditions the attendance was low. One delegate was sent to the W.A. Annual. The president has received remnants from Eaton's which were distributed among the members to make aprons, etc., which will be auctioned off for the monthly project. The quilt was left over for the present. A contest given by the president added to the social hour.

ST. JOHN'S KITSOTY

Rev. Andrew E. Potter

On March 31, Rev. Andrew Potter performed the marriage ceremony between Beatrice (Kelly) Tyler and Milo Quinn.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Fox had a nasty fall resulting in a broken arm and fractured rib. We miss seeing this faithful member at services and hope she will soon be back with us.

We were fortunate indeed that the frost in the roads allowed for a goodly turnout for the Easter Communion Service. One couple had to walk two miles to their truck (A good way to keep that school girl figure Kay!)

Saturday, April 7, found Mr. Potter up at Marwayne and although he made a valiant effort to return to Kitscoty, the blowing snow blocked the roads once more. He made a phone call to Kits-

coty, and Mr. Reg. Kay ably led the congregation in morning prayer, April 8th.

Our Sympathy is extended to our fellow parishioners at Marwayne, in the loss of their Church by fire on Sunday, April 8th. They had spent much time and labor in improving this Church in the past two years.

Mrs. Reg. Kay and two little boys Peter and David, have just returned from their holiday at the coast. They report having a good time, but its Reg and the girls who are wearing the big smiles since Gare's return.

Road conditions have been such that no W.A. meetings were held during the latter part of March or early April. However Mrs. Mary Mason left to attend the Annual, and we look forward to her usual good report soon.

The "flu" keeps on after victims. Had the whole Byrt family down during Easter Week, Mrs. Apperson was a recent victim and it even caught up to our rector (he's been dodging it for some time). The bright spring sunshine will soon drive away all our troubles—might even melt the snowdrifts!

It was good to see Mr. Stan Byrt at Church during his recent short holiday at home with his family. He's back drilling at Fairview again now.

ST. PETER'S

MOYERTON, PARADISE VALLEY

The Rev. A. E. Potter

Out in this part of the country the weather and snow-blocked roads have continued to be a dominating factor in all our activities and since our report of last month we have had to cancel two of our Services, including our commemoration of Palm Sunday, and this was a disappointment to all of us as we had looked forward with keen interest to this meaningful observance.

The ministration of this Sacrament of Holy Baptism, which had also been planned for this day, had to be postponed until toward the end of April.

The weather on Easter Sunday made amends by giving us a really nice spring day. The roads had been ploughed clear of snow the previous day and, while they were still very heavy in places, most of our congregation were able to come in to participate in the Easter Communion. It was a lovely service. The white hangings and spring flowers on the altar helped to create the seasonal atmosphere, and the congregation sang the joyous Easter hymns with evident enjoyment. The ministration of Holy Communion by the vicar was quietly solemn and very beautiful, and I'm sure all the communicants felt its deep spiritual significance. The vicar also preached a topical and thought-provoking sermon on texts from St. Luke and St. John's Gospels—"The Lord is risen indeed and hath appeared unto Simon", and "when he had so said he showed unto them his hands and his side. And then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord."

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Fred and Morris Oester served very nicely as altar boys, relieving Donald Deaville who had served at several previous services.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST GRAND CENTRE

H. J. Ayres, Lay Reader in charge

Lenten services were taken each Sunday through Lent at Evensong with Evangelical addresses and were reasonably well attended this year although the weather was difficult. Mothering Sunday was kept with the usual Simnel cake and congregational tea. There was very good attendance on Palm Sunday for Matins with Procession and distribution of Palm Crosses. On this Sunday we changed from Evensong to Matins for the summer months. The three hours Service of the Cross was taken on Good Friday with addresses on the Seven Words, the attendance throughout this service was quite good. We were grateful to Squadron Leader Harding of the RCAF Station at Namao who came to us to consecrate our Easter Communion. We are grateful also for the transportation very kindly given him by the RCAF Station Cold Lake. Our Easter services were in excess of previous years. In the afternoon of Easter Sunday the Church was given for the use of the United Church local congregation, thus enabling a greater number to worship God in our Church on Easter day. On March 23rd we laid to rest Mrs. Mary Grammar an old-timer of this district and our congregation extend their sympathy to her relatives still living among us in this community. We also laid to rest Peter Hanson another old timer who has lived in this district a great many years, and we extend sympathy to his brother Hans now living in Grand Centre.

We are glad to receive word from our Bishop that Rev. Father Alec Heron will come to us each month as a travelling Priest commencing his ministrations on Sunday, April 15th. Father Heron is known among us for several years now and we shall be very glad to welcome him. We would like to say thank you to Father Clennett of the Frog Lake Mission who tried so hard to be with us for Palm Sunday but road conditions made it of course impossible for him to reach us.

We expect the Easter Vestry meeting will be held sometime during the week after Easter to discuss important matters.

The Ladies of our Welfare Club have been busy in the community assisting poor families with food and clothing during a somewhat tough winter and we are very grateful to the Anglican Ladies Club on the Airport who have so greatly assisted with this work.

The Ladies Guild of St. Margaret have commenced their Spring operations and their efforts so far have resulted in paying off the balance due on the loud speaker equipment placed in the Parish Hall. We understand that they are planning to provide the funds for some changes to the Parish Hall and it is hoped that it will be possible to place a gas furnace in our Church before next

winter. The Senior and Junior Girls Clubs are running very nicely under the very efficient guidance of Miss Rowena Roux.

The Cub pack is being carried on each Friday by Charles Layton and Clarence Fuczak, and it is hoped that the Scout Troop will commence their Spring programme with a visit from Field Commissioner Holoway within a few weeks time.

Sunday School continues each Sunday at 10:00 A.M. The children were given palm crosses on Palm Sunday, and on Easter Sunday they were given Easter eggs. On both these Sundays a short address given to the children by Mr. Ayres.

Our Church Family here were greatly saddened at the news of the passing to Higher Service of the Very Rev. Dean Grant Sparling and would like to extend their sympathy to Mrs. Sparling and family. It had been hoped that the Dean might have come to us for Easter Services but he was unable to do so due to heavy engagements with regard to the preparation for the opening of the new Cathedral in May.

Holy Baptism - John David Charles Peterson—

Burials Mary Grammar—

Peter Hanson—

Confirmation - Alban George Johnstone
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